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# Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 January 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shear (5,627,972) and Ogawa et al (6,608,874).

3. As per claims 1, 7, 13 & 14 Shear disclosed a message transformation selection tool for use in a distributed message processing system, said system including message transformation means for transforming an input message in any of a plurality of formats recognized by one component of said system into an output message in one of a plurality of different formats recognized by another component of said system and a message log for storing representative samples of messages processed by the respective system components; said selection tool comprising : means for determining the compatibility of each field of each of said plurality of input message a formats with one or more fields of said plurality of output message formats (col.3, lines 40-59, col.4, lines64-67 & col.5, lines 1-9); means for analyzing the message fields in the representative samples of messages stored in said message log to get a statistical analysis of the values of the message fields (col.2, lines 28-32, col.3, lines 60-67 & col.4, lines 1-37).; selection means responsive to said compatibility determination and said statistical analysis to

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select the best fit output message field into which to transform a given input message field (col.5, lines 60-67 col.6, lines 1-37 & col.5, lines 1-9 & col.8, lines 10-39). However Shear did not explicitly disclose a statistical analysis of the values of the message field and using the said statistical values in the transformation decision.

In the same field of endeavor Ogawa disclosed a statistical analysis of the values of the message field and using the said statistical values in the transformation decision (col.2, lines 30-65).

It would have been obvious to one in the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have incorporated statistical analysis of the values of message field in the message transformation selection tool as described by Shear in order to effectively transform the message into a specific format resulting in an efficient and robust transformation tool.

4. As per claims 2 & 8 Shear-Ogawa disclosed a tool as claimed in claim 1 in which said means for statistical analysis produces the numerical distribution of values in said message fields, said selection means selecting the best fit distribution for all said compatible fields (Shear, col.7, lines 56-67).

5. As per claims 3 & 9 Shear-Ogawa disclosed a tool as claimed in claim 1 in which said selection means ranks output message fields according to the results of the statistical analysis (col.8, lines 26-39).

6. As per claims 4 & 10 Shear-Ogawa disclosed a tool as claimed in claim 1 in which said system further includes a message repository manager for storing meta-data for said two

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pluralities of message formats, said compatibility determining means basing its determination of compatibility on said meta-data (col.2, lines 28-32, col.3, lines 60-67, col.4, lines 1-37 & col.8, 57-62).

7. As per claims 2 & 8 Shear-Ogawa disclosed a5 & 11 tool as claimed in claim 4 in which the values of said message fields include numerical values and said means for statistical analysis is arranged to analyze the range of numerical values in the respective fields and to augment said meta-data with said range of values (col.2, lines 28-32, col.3, lines 60-67 & col.4, lines 1-37).

8. As per claims 6 & 12 Shear-Ogawa disclosed A tool as claimed in claim 4 in which said means for statistical analysis produces the numerical distribution of values in said message fields, said selection means selecting the best fit distribution for all said compatible fields and in which said meta-data for each field includes said distribution of numerical values for said field (col.2, lines 28-32, col.3, lines 60-67 & col.4, lines 1-37).

### *Conclusion*

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Asghar Bilgrami whose telephone number is 571-272-3907. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:00-5:00PM.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wiley can be reached on 571-272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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